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Fed agency announces plan to repeal net neutrality

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The Federal Communications Commission announced Tuesday that it planned to dismantle landmark regulations that ensure equal access to the internet, clearing the way for companies to charge more and block access to some websites.

The proposal, put forward by FCC Chairman Ajit Pai, is a sweeping repeal of rules put in place by the Obama administration. The rules prohibited high-speed internet service providers from blocking or slowing down the delivery of websites, or charging extra fees for the best quality of streaming and other internet services for their subscribers. Those limits are central to the concept called net neutrality.

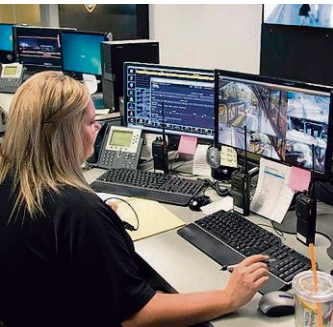
The action immediately reignited a loud and furious fight over free speech and the control of the internet, pitting telecom giants like AT&T against internet giants like Google and Amazon, who warn against powerful telecom gatekeepers. Both sides are expected to lobby hard in Washington to push their agendas, as they did when the existing rules were adopted.

“Under my proposal, the federal government will stop micromanaging the internet,” Pai said in a statement. “Instead, the FCC would simply require internet service providers to be transparent about their practices so that consumers can buy the service plan that’s best for them and entrepreneurs and other small

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THE PUBLIC EYE

Deputies were called 21 times to Tehama killer’s neighborhood

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Tehama County sheriff’s deputies were called to gunman Kevin Janson Neal’s rural neighborhood 21 times in the year leading up to Neal’s fatal shooting rampage last week.

Neal’s neighbors called six times to complain that Neal was firing a gun unsafely or direct-

ing gunfire at them. Three of those calls were made in August – six months after Neal, 44, was supposed to have surrendered all of his firearms because of a court order stemming from his arrest on assault charges.

Neal and his wife, the former Barbara Anne Glisan, initiated seven calls themselves to the Sheriff’s Office, accusing their neighbors of manufacturing methamphetamine, harassing

them and even pointing a weapon at Neal at one point. Law enforcement officials said they couldn’t confirm the allegations, and Neal’s family members have said the Tehama gunman was delusional and suffered from other mental problems.

The escalating feud between the Neals and their neighbors on Bobcat Lane in remote Rancho Tehama Reserve is spelled

out in a series of incident reports dating back to November 2016. The Tehama County Sheriff’s Office released the reports to The Sacramento Bee on Tuesday in response to a Public Records Act request.

The dispute climaxed last week. Neal shot his wife to death on Monday and concealed her beneath their baby-blue motor home on Bobcat Lane. The next morning, armed with four weapons and clad in a military-style assault vest, Neal killed two of his neighbors, shot out the windows of the community’s elementary school in what authorities said may have been an attempt to kill a neighbor’s son, and then killed two more people. His 45-minute rampage ended when law enforcement officers shot Neal to death.

Jessie Sanders, a surviving neighbor, has said he believes

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BOOK OF DREAMS

It’s one way to provide joy to neighbors



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Steve Lincoln, 46, who has cerebral palsy, experiences a virtual reality roller coaster ride in North Highlands. United Cerebral Palsy of Sacramento and Northern California doesn’t own the equipment, but is asking Book of Dreams readers to help purchase it. The VR equipment could bring joy to the students who spend six hours daily at their day school.



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Imagine the joy of virtual reality for a member of this community forever bound to a wheelchair. Or the relief of a homeless mother of seven when she finds a program that will feed her children a hot breakfast.

Readers have provided that joy, and relief, during the holiday season the past three decades, through generous donations to The Bee’s Book of Dreams. Last year readers donated \$223,000 to fund the dreams, with additional money donated to other local nonprofits.

This year’s list of dreams include a virtual reality hub for Adult Growth Experience so that its students with cerebral palsy can see

what it feels like to ski, or scuba dive, or just ride a roller coaster.

The Maryhouse Hospitality Center for Homeless Women has a more basic need: a commercial grade griddle that won’t break. The center has been a godsend for Michelle Williams, her husband and seven children, who have found hot breakfasts and other help there.

All reader donations will fund dreams. The Bee will pay administrative costs and report the amount raised.

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